



GARY PENROD, SHERIFF

# NEWS RELEASE

**DR #** 080301700  
**H #** 77-03  
**DATE/TIME:** 8-15-03/0015 hrs.  
**INCIDENT:** Attempted Residential Robbery/Death Investigation  
**LOCATION:** Newberry Springs (Unincorporated area of Barstow)  
Exact location not being released  
**VICTIM:** WMA 76 years of age (Name not being released at this time)  
**SUSPECT(S):** WMA 23 years of age (Deceased/Name withheld pending notification of next of kin)

**SUMMARY** At the above date and time, Sheriff's Desert Dispatch received a 911 call from the Victim. He told dispatch that he had just shot a subject that had entered his residence and attempted to attack him. Sheriff's Deputies from the Barstow Sheriff's Station and emergency medical personnel responded and found a subject, later identified as the Suspect, deceased within the residence. He had suffered a single gunshot wound to the upper torso. Sheriff's Homicide investigators responded to conduct an investigation into the shooting.

The investigation revealed that the Victim was asleep inside his residence and was awakened by the Suspect after he forced entry. The Victim armed himself with a handgun and held the Suspect at bay while attempting to report the intruder to law enforcement authorities. As the Victim was getting ready to place a 911 call, the Suspect attempted to attack the Victim. The Victim fired a single shot at the Suspect, striking him in the chest area. Wounded, the Suspect collapsed onto the floor and the Victim then was able to make the 911 call to report what had just occurred.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is continuing. Upon conclusion of the investigation the case will be sent to the District Attorney's Office for review.

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